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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Dept. of
Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft has been the subject to court action for more than three years in the antitrust case: as they say, justice delayed is justice denied. You should support the settlement that was recently reached and allow Microsoft to give its attention to software development and not legal proceedings.

Outside interests with ulterior anti-Microsoft agenda do not want this settlement implemented because they believe it does not harm the company enough. The fact is this settlement is very equitable. The settlement allows competitors to view Microsoft blueprints to create better software. This concession by Microsoft is very generous and only a fraction of the settlement.

Settling this case is the logical action at this point. Microsoft is one of America's most important companies, and is a very large employer. An improvement in Microsoft's situation could improve our nation's situation as well.

Sincerely,

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